

## **Minnesota Housing Multifamily Design Standards for Supportive Rental Housing**

The following design standards shall apply to all supportive rental housing receiving Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (Minnesota Housing) financing for new construction, rehabilitation, and/or adaptive reuse of an existing building. When strict compliance to these standards is not feasible, please contact the Minnesota Housing Staff Architect assigned to the development to discuss whether a waiver is justifiable.

These standards are supplemental to basic standards established by applicable building codes, local zoning, and other applicable regulations. Where two standards govern the same condition, conformance to the most restrictive standard is required. Regardless, if the local jurisdiction has adopted or not adopted the Minnesota State Building Code, all site improvements receiving Minnesota Housing financing must be in compliance with the Minnesota State Building Code.

**Purpose:** To ensure supportive rental housing financed by Minnesota Housing is decent quality, energy efficient, functional, sustainable, durable, and effective in reducing long-term maintenance costs.

### **Requirements:**

1. Comply with all of the requirements of the Minnesota Housing Multifamily Design Standards for General Occupancy Rental Housing;
2. Emphasis will be placed on durability of construction materials and finishes that achieve cost effective life-cycle costs and reduces ongoing maintenance. (i.e.: finish flooring, cabinet construction, windows, window treatment, doors, hardware, toilet accessories, etc.); and
3. Program space, if provided, shall be appropriate for intended use and resident population and must be accessible via an accessible route. In addition, Minnesota Housing encourages program space be convertible into housing space in the future.